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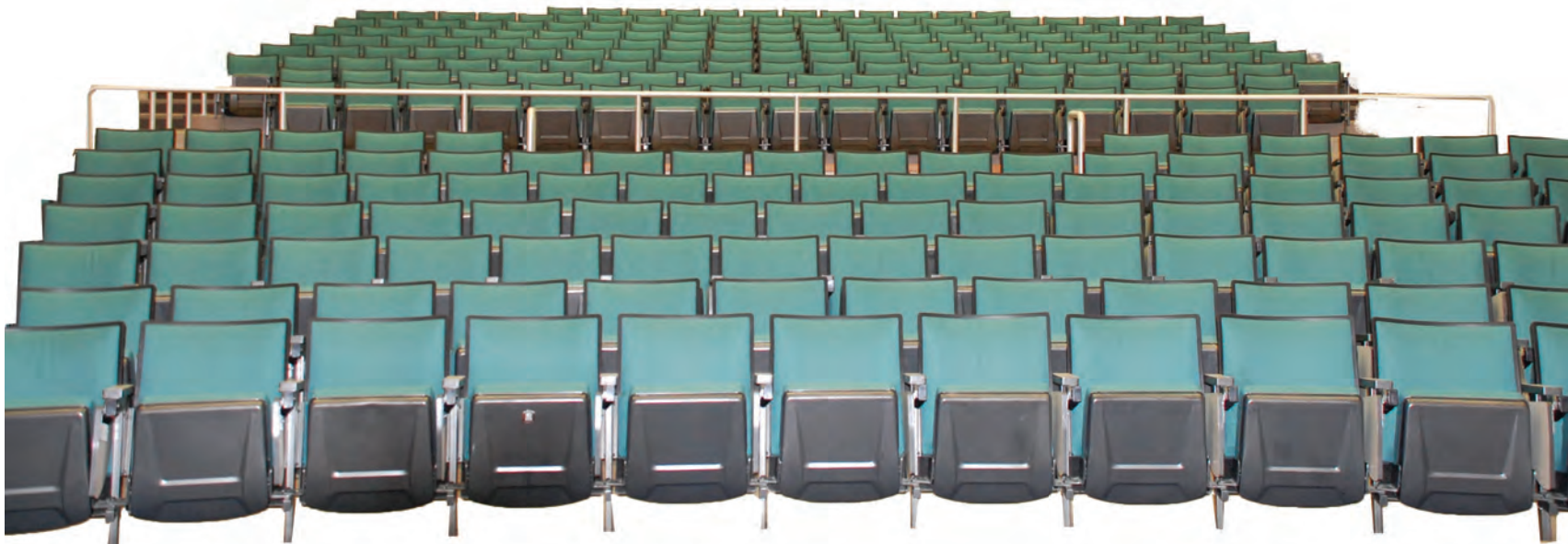


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## Bigger classes hit GCSU in fall

*Three core curriculum classes contain more than 100 students*

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

Smaller classes. It's a common reason students for making GCSU the college destination of their choice. But with the current economic situation, GCSU is beginning an experiment looking into larger classes. Currently, there are three classes in the fall semester of 2010 that will have enrollments between 130-160 people.

GCSU will be experi-

menting with course re-design, a project of the National Center for Academic Transformation and based out of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The project aims to lower financial costs and focuses primarily on broader, large-enrollment introductory courses, mostly including core classes that students are required to take.

"It's really an economic thing. There is less money in the budget, so we want

to save a few dollars," said Dr. Craig Pascoe, a professor of history at GCSU. "This program is designed to create a better classroom environment for students and it also introduces a more efficient way of teaching. We also want to make sure we keep up with the university's mission of providing a solid liberal arts education."

Pascoe will teach a United States Since 1877 class to 160 students in the fall. A World Civilization and So-

ciety I class will be taught to 130 people by professor Stephen Auerbach. Pascoe's class will be taught in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium, while Auerbach's class will be taught in the Peabody Auditorium in the Kilpatrick Education Building.

Also, there is a Politics and Society hybrid/online class that will have an enrollment of 160 people and be taught by an instructor yet to be determined. It will also be taught in Pea-

body Auditorium.

"This is an experiment in which we'll hire the redesign coordinator and that coordinator will teach the class," said Dr. Jan Mabie, chair of the Department of Government and Sociology. "The course will meet once a week for the lecture portion and the hybrid part will be significantly online. We're going to have graduate assistants and upper division senior under-

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## Ga. Senate bill proposes needs-based HOPE

BY REBECCA BURNS  
STAFF WRITER

The Georgia Senate recently overwhelmingly passed a bill aiming to expand the state's HOPE Scholarship to include a new entirely need-based grant.

Senate Bill 496, which passed the Senate 45-4, targets what it refers to as "the neediest students" and would award smaller funds than the HOPE Scholarship to students attending public postsecondary institutions in Georgia. The bill's author, Sen. Jack Hill, R-Reidsville, estimates the grants will be around \$600-\$700 per student.

Unlike the HOPE Scholarship, which requires at least a 3.0 grade point average, students would not be required to meet a minimum GPA for eligibility, although recipients would have to maintain satisfactory academic progress at their institution.

"We measure (academic progress) on all financial aid recipients for state and federal," said GCSU Director of Financial Aid Cathy

### HOPE college opportunity grant

To be eligible students must:

- be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student
- meet the Georgia residency requirements
- be eligible for a federal Pell Grant
- attend a public postsecondary institution in Georgia

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

Crawley. "Students have to be maintaining a certain GPA and have to be showing that they are making progress toward their degree. We measure that students have to be cumulatively passing at least 67 percent of the course work they attempt."

The GPA needed to maintain satisfactory academic progress is 1.4 for freshmen, 1.6

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## Leland: Gun law will not make our campus safer

BY MATT ROGERS  
STAFF REPORTER

As the Georgia General Assembly debates a controversial gun bill, GCSU students, faculty, administration and staff members appear to fall on both sides of the issue. One version of the proposed gun bill would allow schools to decide if guns are allowed on the campuses of the state's colleges and universities.

During a University Senate meeting on March 29, GCSU President Dorothy Leland discussed some of the concerns she and some other University System of Georgia presidents had with the proposed legislation.

"University System of Georgia presidents believe that (the proposed new gun law) will not make our campuses safer," Leland said. "Its passage is something for us to worry about."

Some students also share feelings about the dangers of firearms on campus.

"I don't see the purpose of having a gun on campus," senior history major Daniel Hannah said. "I'm pro-guns. I hunt, but I'm not a fan of handguns since they're meant to hurt or maim someone else."

Another issue Leland shared was her personal comfort about firearms in a work environment.

"I personally don't want to work in a place where employees and students are carrying weapons," Leland said. "That's just a personal view and others may feel differently about this."

With individuals being allowed to carry guns on campus, some students believe the campus atmosphere would feel more tense.

"I would not feel comfortable at all," junior management major Jackie Beese said. "I don't think guns should be on campus."

Under the current law, a 1,000-foot safety zone around schools makes carrying a gun within that zone illegal. However, the new bill being proposed would change this.

"If this bill becomes law, we lose school safety zone protection," Leland said.

Under current law currently, possessing a gun within this zone is a felony offense. However, if the new law passes, this will no longer be the case.

If the bill passes, the state Board of Regents does not appear likely easily call it quits. A concerted effort from the Regents could do what is necessary to keep weapons off campus.

"I believe that if this bill becomes law, the Board of Regents will seriously consider writing rules that prohibit weapons on its campuses," Le-

## Dining Room gets facelift

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

While students and professors enjoyed time off from classes during spring break, sounds of construction filled the Maxwell Student Union Dining Hall. The end product that students came back to was a completely renovated Hoke Dining Room.

The Hoke Dining Room, located to the left of the cash register in the MSU Dining Hall, received a total facelift from floor to ceiling to make it more appealing. According to Auxiliary Services Executive Director Kyle Cullars, the renovations cost around \$15,000.

"Hoke Dining room had gotten in pretty bad shape; the ceiling grid was filthy and old, and the wall still had carpet on (it)," Cullars said. "The room was just in really bad shape and it needed just a cosmetic facelift."

Since the old pull-down



MATT CHAMBERS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The tables and chairs in Hoke Dining Room used to reside in the University Banquet room. The new furniture became available when Auxiliary Services bought new seating.

screen and curtains are gone, more sunlight can now filter into the dining room. The room also now boasts a fresh coat of white paint on its walls.

"It's very bright which

is what we wanted, but it's also somewhat cold because we don't have anything on the wall," Cullars said. "It'd be nice to see some décor on

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# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
Students are shown on Front Campus in the 1970s. The area they are occupying is now the steps and courtyard for Maxwell Student Union.

## This month in Colonnade history:

The first Parent's Day, post World War II, occurred on April 18, 1947. The Granddaughters Club hosted the event that marked the first Parent's Day in seven years. Miss Jane Sparks, director of women's programs for WSB in Atlanta, spoke to students and parents in Russell Auditorium.  
April 8, 1947  
Vol. 21 No. 10

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.

# City, GCSU, DOT weigh options for Village intersection

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

Officials are looking into two ways to rework the intersection joining The Village at West Campus and the Magnolia Park apartment complex.

GCSU, the City of Milledgeville and the Department of Transportation are considering the possibilities of a roundabout or a traffic light to improve the intersection.

Tony Collins a district engineer for DOT is working to record traffic counts at the intersection in the next two to three weeks. If the results lend the DOT to believe a change needs to be made, the first option to consider is a roundabout, something that would be new to Milledgeville.

"You have to consider the idea of a roundabout before the traffic light," Collins said.

Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, vice president of Student Affairs, has been working with the city and DOT on pushing the project forward.

"The number of fatalities is smaller with a roundabout," Harshbarger said.

Students involved with intramural sports and West Campus, as well as Magnolia Park residents, encounter the inter-

section regularly.

These organizations have looked into installing a traffic signal at the intersections before, but it with the cuts in the budget, nothing has happened.

"The bottom fell out of transportation's budget," Harshbarger said. "Magnolia Park was going to help fund a light, but then occupancy dropped and they can't afford it."

Simone Jameson, senior mass communication major, made her housing decision partially based the intersection.

"I was considering living at Magnolia Park," Jameson said. "But my parents came down and saw it and didn't want me to live there based on that intersection."

West Campus resident Jamie Ekstom doesn't think the intersection needs any changes, usually.

"People who come from the Baldwin High School in the afternoon sometimes cut through (West Campus) which can be frustrating and create a problem getting out."

SGA has a group that serves as a liaison between the city and GCSU and Sydney McCree, the head of the committee, hopes they will change the intersection soon.

"That intersections gets worse every year," McCree said.

*"You have to consider the idea of a roundabout before the traffic light."*

*—Tony Collins  
DOT district engineer*

# Den under renovation through the summer

BY MATT KUHL  
STAFF REPORTER

The Bobcat Den, an SGA-maintained student area under the Student Activities Center, is currently closed for extensive remodeling.

SGA President Zach Mullins said SGA had identified several areas that could use changes and that The Den was one of them.

"We need to have more activity spaces for students and we wanted The Den to feel more inviting to students," Mullins said.

The remodeling, which Mullins hopes will be completed by the beginning of the next school year, will involve major changes to almost every aspect of the facility. The Den's color scheme will change to colors closer to the university's.

There will be two major rooms, a game room and a lounge. The game room will have tables for pool, Foosball, ping-pong, and air hockey. The lounge, Mullins said, will be dramatically changed.

"We hope that the lounge will be a much more relaxing area, a place for students to come do homework or just socialize," Mullins said.

The new work will mean the current lounge's massage chairs can be moved into a more prominent position. There will be more plants and a "Mac bar" like the one on the first floor of the LITC.

One noticeable change will be the entrance. Previously, students had to enter through a side entrance on Liberty Street. But when the renovations are complete, Mullins said students will be able to enter through a door at the front of the Student Activity Center.

According to Mullins, the renovations will take place over the summer, .

"We aim to have a grand reopening around the beginning of the fall semester," Mullins said.

When asked about cost, Mullins could not give a definite figure, but said SGA hoped to keep costs around \$50,000. He stressed that the money for the renovation work does not come from academic budgets, but rather from the funds generated by Student Activity Fees.

Sophomore Helni Roblero, a frequent patron of The Den, said that adding space to the Den would be nice.

"It can get a little cramped down there sometimes," Roblero said. "Well, I guess I'll just have to find another place to play Xbox."

# GCSU firefighter responds to airplane landing on 441

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

The idea of making an emergency aircraft landing on a highway is not apparently just for big-budget Hollywood movies. In fact, a plane was landed on Milledgeville's own U.S. 441 bypass this past weekend.

Members of the Baldwin County Fire Department, sheriff's office and Emergency Medical Services responded to the emergency call at about 5 p.m. on Friday to control the situation and the flow of traffic around it.

"At first we were all under the assumption that the plane was still in the air," said Baldwin County Fire Rescue volunteer and sophomore criminal justice major Nathan Bressler. "But when we arrived on scene the plane had already landed."

The landing, which



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A two-seater propeller plane made an emergency landing Friday on the U.S. Highway 441 bypass between Ga. Highway 49 and Allen Memorial Drive.

took place on the bypass between Ga. 49 and Allen Memorial Drive, happened due to a mechanical problem within the plane. The pilot was in no way at fault, according to Baldwin County Fire Rescue public

information officer and GCSU alumnus Brandon Barth. The engine failure seemed to have happened due to leaking fluids.

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# Inflat-A-Fools

## West Campus hosts giant inflatables for students

BY REBECCA BURNS  
STAFF WRITER

In celebration of April Fool's Day, The Village Council unloaded four gigantic inflatables, hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas for the relaxed Inflat-A-Fools event held at West Campus on the soccer field below Sandella's.

Brayli James, vice president of The Village, took the lead in making the event happen.

"It's here to have a good time, let off some steam, and keep that Spring Break filling alive," James said.

The Village Council and volunteers supervised most of the inflatables; however, the staff of Amusement Masters ran the mechanical bull which students appeared most hesitant to try out.

"It's very intimidating every time," said Kacey Fox freshman criminal justice major. "But it's fun once you get on and take it by the

horns. Then it's okay until it tilts you forward."

Some brave souls leapt on the bucking, swiveling bull immediately and stayed around to encourage others to try. Emily Routh, a sophomore biology major, was one of the first students on the bull, and while her knees hurt afterward, she said the experience was worth having.

"It's not college until you ride a mechanical bull," Ruth said.

Even so, many students found the jousting, bungee run and obstacle course inflatables more approachable. Sarah Taylor, a sophomore special education major, went up against her roommate in the ring.

"It's a good way to be able to hit her and not get in trouble. And I won," Taylor said.

Complete exhaustion, sweat, sunburns, and a few minor cuts and bruises were unavoidable side effects for most students.



Junior early education major Anna Thompson, left, and Katy Allmon, a junior middle grades education major, joust while on-looking friends cheer on the playful roommate brawl insisting that it's the way to solve all roommate disagreements. Thompson won the match.



Above: Merry Nelson, a sophomore rhetoric major, lunges into the last length of the obstacle course after her opponent Kevin Brewer, a sophomore environmental science major.

Right: Charles Frame, Resident Director for Foundation Hall, stretches as far as his body will allow to triumphantly complete his first Bungee run.



Mark Jestel, a sophomore biology major, manages to crack a smile as he struggles to remain seated. The best time of the day was rumored at 45 seconds.



Sophomore environmental science major, Kevin Brewer, left, races against Rachael Brice, a sophomore business management major, on the Bungee run before their cords whip them back 10 feet.

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It’s graduation time:

The Colonnade’s guide to taking the next step

Undergraduate Commencement:

When: May 8 at 9 a.m.  
Where: Front Campus

Graduate Commencement:

When: May 7 at 7 p.m.  
Where: Front Campus

Academic honors:

(Based on institutional and transfer coursework GPA)

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Magna Cum Laude: 3.74-3.89

Summa Cum Laude: 3.9-4.0

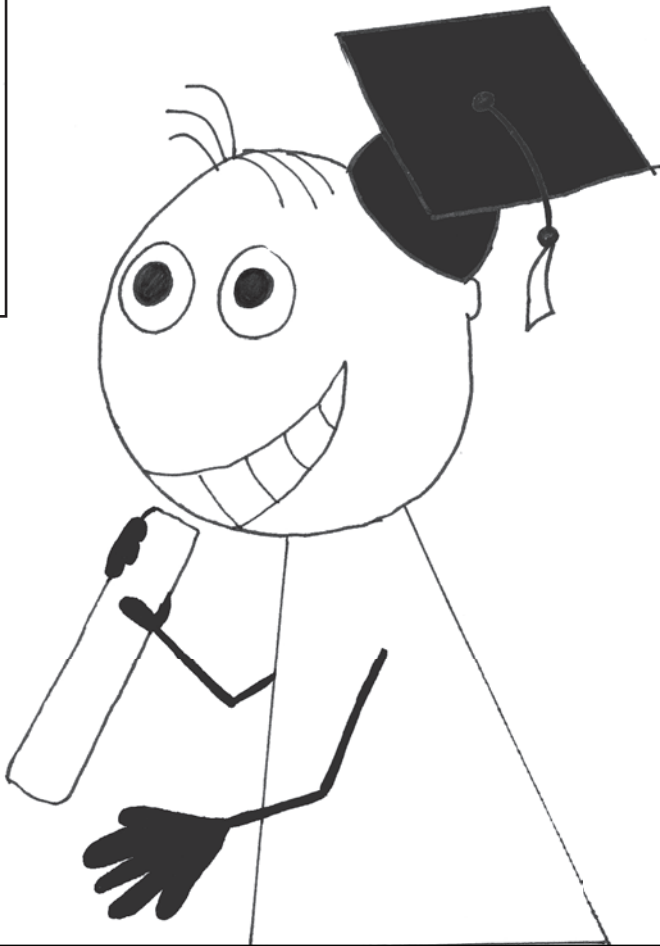
FAQs of graduation:

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A: Three to six weeks after the semester ends your diploma will be mailed to your permanent address. If you are taking Maymester classes you will get your diploma 3-6 weeks after Maymester ends.

Q: What do I need to do to graduate?

A: You need to have completed at least 120 credit hours, have paid the \$45 application fee and met with your advisor.



Information from gcsu.edu compiled by Danielle Paluga  
Illustration by Katelyn Hebert

Community works to Milledgeville more art

BY CLAIRE KERSEY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Milledgeville MainStreet, local business owners, artists and GCSU students have come together to form an alliance that aims to bring more art to the Milledgeville community. The group is striving to make Milledgeville an arts destination, both for visitors and residents.

“We need more reasons for people to come to Milledgeville,” said Maryllis Wolfgang, owner of The Gallery at Crazy W Creations and chairperson of the Arts Destination Committee.

The group’s leaders see promotion of the arts as a boon to the faltering economy.

“It creates opportunities for entrepreneurs,” Wolfgang said. “When you’ve got business coming to town, it’s an economic advantage.”

Although some artistic storefronts have left the downtown scene, another gallery is moving into a vacant space formerly occupied by artist Jane Wyndham-Quin.

The members feel that the arts will bring life to Milledgeville. Some members have proposed filling the windows of empty stores with artwork.

“I’ve always looked at that building across the street and thought it would be an excellent place for studio space,” said Villane Waldhauer, owner of Villane’s Jewelry and Unique Accessories.

In addition to working on bringing more business to downtown Milledgeville, they also hope to garner interest for like-minded people to get together to enjoy the arts. A knitting group meets on Tuesday afternoons and a photography group is in its early stages.

“It’s more than just promoting artists in the community,” Wolfgang said. “It’s about making Milledgeville a community to relocate to.”

The group plans to begin promoting the highlight of its plans — the First Friday program, which is slated to begin in June. Some of the plans for First Friday nights are to hold art walks and have live music.

“It’s just one more thing to bring people downtown on Friday nights,”



CLAIRE KERSEY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Maryllis Wolfgang, owner of The Gallery at Crazy W Creations, shows off the artwork of local artist Keely Kitchens.

said executive director of Milledgeville MainStreet Belinda Washlesky.

GCSU students have become involved in the initiative through the business school. Students in one of Dr. Renee Fontenot’s marketing classes have opportunities for real-world experience by helping local artists and entrepreneurs develop business plans.

“I think (real world experience) is a necessity,” Fontenot said. “(The real world is) not nice and neat. It can be messy working with clients.”

Students are also gaining experience in working with the arts destination group to build a Web site as another effort to bring local artists together.

“It’s about as practical as it can get,” said senior management and marketing major Andrew Harris. “It’s been good to see what it’s like to interact with people.”

The group plans to hold a competition to design a logo for its association and will be voting on the logo at its next meeting at 9 a.m. on April 23 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Airplane

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aircraft, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Charles Lutin, was described as eerily calm in the aftermath of the landing. When he first realized the malfunction in his personal two-seater propeller plane on his planned trip from Warner Robbins to Raleigh, N.C., he sent an emergency radio call for authorities to close off the road. He performed his landing on the median of the bypass and

finally stopped when the plane struck a guard rail on the road.

Though no one was injured during the landing, the scene was further complicated by an oil spill caused by a small puncture in a wing, which held the fuel reservoir for the plane. Fire rescue personnel cleaned up the mess caused by the oil spill.

What Bressler remembers most from the scene was the heat. Fire Rescue personnel were required to be in full firefighting uniforms while using the fuel line. With mid-

day temperatures around Middle Georgia above the 80 degree mark, the suits made it feel much hotter to the firefighters.

The northbound lane of the highway was closed for about an hour and the scene took about three-and-a-half hours to completely clear up. After the excitement of the event was over, the plane was towed away.

“All things considered, we like to respond to exciting scenes,” Bressler said. “But we were all glad that this one was boring.”

HOPE

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for sophomores, and 1.8 for juniors and seniors.

“We don’t have a whole lot of students that don’t meet that standard,” Crawley said.

The HOPE College Opportunity Grant has three main components of eligibility. Students must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student. They must meet the Georgia residency requirements. And students must be eligible for a federal Pell Grant which awards funds based on expected family contribution. This semester 1,200 GCSU students received the Pell Grant. That number is up from 900 last year.

The 300 student increase is a substantial change

and according to Crawley shows the need for the HOPE College Opportunity Grant.

“I think Georgia has needed a need-based aid program for years. We haven’t had one and a lot of states do. Even if it’s a start I think it’s definitely something that’s needed in Georgia,” Crawley said.

Not all GCSU students viewed the new bill in entirely good favor.

“I like everything with the exception of the Pell Grant,” said Eric Connolly, a junior management major. “The Pell Grant has several stipulations that eliminate the majority of people that are asking for financial aid basis. ... (The HOPE College Opportunity Grant) really won’t do anything for me. But if you fall into those circumstances, perfect.”

Other students saw both

sides of the proposed new law.

“I think it’s a good and a bad thing,” said Becky Barish, a junior education major. “It’s good because now the HOPE Scholarship is basically for students who don’t need it as much as the lower income students. Students who get better grade-point-averages are typically better off, ... it’s bad because if there’s no grade-point requirement, there is no incentive for them to try hard. Knowing we have to keep a 3.0 is our push to keeping good grades.”

If approved by the House, 30 million in state-lottery funds would be available to be set aside for the grant, although the grants would be awarded only when there are sufficient revenues from the lottery to also fund standard HOPE Scholarships.

Bigger classes

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grad mentors helping out with the course as well.”

According to Mabie, the class will not be available to incoming freshmen.

“We want students to make informed decisions about taking this class ... so it will only be for returning and continuing students,” Mabie said. “If the students like it, and we determine it is in keeping with our liberal arts mission, we will begin to open more of these classes.”

Pascoe is no stranger to teaching bigger classes, having taught courses with enrollments of more than 300 people at the University of Georgia. He said the class size requires a much different style of teaching.

“It really takes a different type of delivery. You have to treat it almost like you’re on stage and making a big presentation,” Pascoe said. “You can’t stick someone in there who will be seen as boring and not involved with the students. You have to provide things like humor and an interactive environment to reach the students.”

In assisting with that, Pascoe said new and improved technology will be a part of the equation.

“We’re looking at things such as wireless microphones where we can move around the class and talk to students directly, and get them talking,” Pascoe said. “We also want to be able to take movie clips instead of having to show whole movies. The hope is it will provide more a slicker and smoother presentation.”

Pascoe said with his class being held in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium, students will get an enhanced experience when it comes to presentations.

“It’s one thing to have a regular television in there and showing something, but when you get the big projector up there

like we will have, it will intrigue the students more,” Pascoe said. “I’ve shown the first 30 minutes of ‘Saving Private Ryan’ to my classes in the past and the transition from a 15-20 inch television screen to a huge projector screen makes a huge difference.”

Still some students prefer smaller classes.

“I prefer smaller classes. It gives me a better chance to get to know my professors and classmates, and makes learning more comfortable,” sophomore history major Becka Woods said. “But if the class has to be large I have no problem taking it.”

Junior chemistry major Brian McKinnon had several larger classes while he was a student at Georgia Tech and he too prefers the smaller class environment.

“Although I feel like it is the only option for the bigger universities, it is definitely not for GCSU,” McKinnon said. “All of my core classes at Tech had more than 150 students, and the professor never knew our names. There was a constant line outside his or her door during office hours, and it gave me the feeling that if I was going to get extra help in the class, it

was going to be on my own time.”

While the big concern among some is that the larger classes will interfere with the liberal arts mission of smaller class sizes, Pascoe said that the difference is not as drastic as one might think.

“Studies have shown there’s really no real change in terms of student experience with only 150 or so students as opposed to 70,” Pascoe said. “If we kept up literally with this mission, there would be 20 people in every class. The reality is we haven’t had that in a long time and we don’t have the resources to sustain that.

“Our goal is to remain as efficient as possible while keeping with providing the best possible liberal arts education to our students.”



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# GCSU professor’s textbook a best-seller

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

A professor at GCSU was recently honored with the title of being a best-seller in a textbook publishing company.

Dr. Kenneth Saladin, professor of anatomy at GCSU, has written two textbooks, one of which — “Anatomy & Physiology: The Unity of Form and Function” — is a best-seller in the science-math-engineering division of textbooks for the McGraw Hill Company.

All of the anatomy classes at GCSU use Saladin’s book and even people in other countries use it. A company in Italy will soon be translating the volume into Italian for students there to use.

“I get e-mails from students all over the world telling me how much better this book is from

*“It feels like a journey through the body, kind of like the Magic School Bus”*

*– Belinda Tobin*  
*Exercise science major*

their other texts,” Saladin said.

GCSU students who use it seem to agree. Julia Borland, a sophomore and exercise science major, said the text flows well, thus easing comprehension.

“The most helpful are the illustrations,” Borland said. “I use them when I don’t understand a

concept written out.”

Borland had Saladin as a teacher in the fall, but now has a different anatomy teacher. Borland said that there is very little difference between the two classes since they both use the same PowerPoint slideshows and textbook.

Borland’s favorite parts of the book are the “insights” which connect what they are learning to real world problems.

Belinda Tobin, a sophomore exercise science major with a concentration in physical therapy, uses Saladin’s book as well. Tobin said she feels like the book is telling a story.

“It feels like a journey through the body, kind of like the Magic School Bus,” Tobin said.

Saladin feels that it is easier to teach from his own book because the students get the same point of view from the book and



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Kennet Saladin examines a skull in his laboratory in front of his class. Saladin’s anatomy textbook is used by students all over the world.

the teacher.

“The students like it because there is no surprise about what is

going to be on the test,” Saladin said. “I use the same terminology as in the book.”

# New GCSU sponsorship policy could benefit RSOs

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU’s sponsorship policy could be seeing a facelift in the near future. A new sponsorship policy aiming to replace the current one has been developed and is currently awaiting a decision by the University Senate, which will not formally hear the policy until next school year.

This policy allows Registered Student Organizations and departments on campus to do what they need to do in terms of fundraising and holding events without compromising the existing contracts GCSU holds with businesses, according to Kyle Cullars, the executive director of Auxiliary Services.

“The general policy is no private businesses are allowed to advertise on campus — period,” Cullars said.

The original policy was created after companies, particularly banks, were constantly soliciting GCSU students for things such as credit card offers. According to Cullars, this happened across cam-

pus and eventually, the university felt it was inappropriate as a higher education institution.

The sponsorship policy requires RSOs to get approval from the Department of Campus Life before any solicitation of sponsorships, donations or fundraising efforts begin. The policy also prohibits sponsorships from businesses in direct competition with the services provided by GCSU or its contracted vendors.

However, donations from vendors in direct competition with GCSU’s contracted vendors can be solicited or accepted if authorized by the Office of University Advancement and Business and Finance, and if accepted, that vendor is not allowed advertising rights.

The idea to revise the sponsorship policy began in the Student Government Association. Its revised policy passed through SGA and has since been sent to the university to be reviewed by a sub-committee.

Paul Danaj, a junior international economics major and SGA senator, helped

develop the new policy in SGA. After reading the current policy, which is 12 pages long, Danaj and other SGA senators were left feeling that it contradicted itself and was filled with red tape and legal jargon. They began by asking Cullars and SGA President Zach Mullins what they wanted out of the policy and highlighting the parts of the policy they felt were important.

“We decided to broaden it and change our language so that it would be easily adapted to a university scale,” Danaj said. “We tried to make it pretty straightforward. We took it from 12 to two pages with two appendices.”

According to Danaj, those working on the policy originally wanted it to have an open-door policy where “anyone could ask for anything.” However, after looking at the details, some of which were legal due to contracts, they found it was almost impossible for it to happen.

The revised policy, however, is not

**The ins and outs of RSO Sponsorships**

■ **Who can sponsor a RSO?**

- RSOs cannot solicit or accept sponsorships from companies in direct competition with GCSU or the businesses the university is currently under contractual agreements with.

■ **How does an RSO determine who can sponser them?**

- The current policy requires RSOs to seek approval from the Department of Campus Life before any solicitation of sponsorships, donations or fundraising efforts begin.
- If the new sponsorship policy is adopted, it will include an appendix that specifically names the business the university is under contract with.

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## Renovations

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the wall just to soften up the wall a little bit.”

Some students agree with Cullars that the renovations are nice, but missing some color.

“(The dining room) is fancy, but plain and white,” said sophomore math major Lauren Tripi. “They need to decorate.”

Teena Hulsey, who works at the cash register in the dining hall, thinks the renovations are nice.

“I think it’s a lot better and a lot better atmosphere,” Hulsey said.

Hulsey said more students have been sitting in the Hoke Dining Room since the renovations.

“If it’s reserved or something they get disappointed,” she said.

The Hoke Dining Room renovations coincided with the arrival of new furniture for the University Banquet Room, in the back of the MSU Dining Hall, allowing the reuse of furniture already available.

“We had those huge wooden tables and large chairs in the banquet room and we needed to replace those because they weren’t as functional as we needed in the banquet room,” Cullars said. “Since we were going to replace that furniture over spring break I thought ... we can use nine or 10 of those tables and the chairs that go with it from the banquet room for the next year.”

The university will be receiving eight outdoor metal tables and chairs to go on the balcony outside Hoke Dining Room so that students can enjoy the outdoor weather while eating.

Auxiliary Services still plans to renovate the entire MSU Dining Hall next year.

“We’ve got some tentative drawings done,” Cullars said. “Basically we’re going to gut the main dining room, Hoke Dining Room, and the whole serving area; basically everything from the kitchen out is going to be redone.”

The renovations will set the dining area up so that serving stations are throughout the dining room with seating in between. The same food lines available now will remain.

The number of seats available will increase slightly due to the new variety of tables.

“We’re going have a good mix with booths, tables, different size tables. The main table size we’ll use will be a four-person square table so you can pull it together and make it as big as you need,” Cullars said. “Right now if you have an eight-person table and only have two people eating, it’s not likely someone that doesn’t know those people is going to sit down with them.”

According to Cullars, the renovations are expected to begin in May of 2011 and be completed by the end of June. The total cost of the renovations is estimated to be around \$3 million.

“It should be a very, very nice renovation,” Cullars said.

*“(The dining room) is fancy, but plain and white.”*

*– Lauren Tripi*  
*Sophomore math major*

## Gun

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land said.

Unfortunately, the most the Regents could enforce would be a trespassing charge. And as the gun bill currently stands, any guns in the university’s parking lot are protected as long as they are locked.

Another concern involves how Public Safety

might be affected by the bill in its response to a gun without the owner having a gun permit.

“Public Safety says that if there is an active shooter on campus and there are many registered gun owners with their guns out, their response time could be slower as they seek to determine who the shooter is,” Leland said.

Leland said her stance on this gun issue is more than

just her personal view.

“As president of the university, parents entrust the safety of their students to me,” Leland said.

The Colonnade conducted an unofficial poll on GCSUnade.com from Feb. 18 to Feb. 25. The results were 78 percent in favor of the gun bill, 19 percent against it, and 3 percent of respondents said they needed more information.

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# Early College students appear in crime reports

BY LISSA SPEER  
STAFF WRITER

During the 2009-10 academic year, students enrolled in the Georgia College Early College program at GCSU have repeatedly appeared in Public Safety reports and have come under scrutiny because of it. Most cases are minor and are resolved in-house but some instances are more severe, such as bringing a weapon on campus, attempted theft, and the distribution of drugs requiring the attention of the State Juvenile Department.

“It is a very, very, very small portion of the students that have disciplinary problems,” said principal of Early College, Camille Daniel-Tyson. “It’s been devastating to see these kids cast in this light.”

Upon admission to the program, students are considered to be GCSU students and are given full access to all the facilities a normal undergraduate student would be given along with a school ID.

“The biggest misconception is that these kids are perfect kids,” Daniel-Tyson said. “They’re still middle school students and high school students. They’re on a huge campus and they’re just little bodies. The eyes are always on them.”

According to the Public Safety reports, most of the problems occur between the Early College students and not with the rest of the campus.

“I would say there has been a definite increase since last year,” Assitant Vice President for Public Safety Dave Groseclose said.

The GCEC program’s mission is to construct a community of respect that inspires and facilitates deep and meaningful learning for all. The program began in the fall of 2006 with the enrollment of 53 students. This year 220 Early College students are enrolled on campus.

“We respond to calls and we send officers out there to assist in any way we can,” Groseclose said. “We’ve had to escort kids off campus before.”

The majority of issues that arise are dealt within the Early College program.

“If we get involved, we always refer them to the juvenile court system of Baldwin County,” Sgt. Greg Williams said. “If they end up going to juvenile court, they’re usually released in a couple days to their parents if they don’t have a record.”

Despite the small amount of students causing problems in the school, there are exponentially more positive examples that come out of the program.

“We have a young lady there who has had a very difficult life,” Daniel-Tyson said. “It was not uncommon for her to miss 30 days of school a year before she came to Early College. Now she doesn’t miss any. If the world will give her room to grow, she’ll be the next Alice Walker.”

The interaction between the Early College students and the rest of campus allows for these developments to happen.

“I think the greatest strength of Early College is that they are among

the college students,” Daniel-Tyson said. “Most college students don’t realize the importance of being on campus along side them. They don’t realize their mentors to those kids.”

Early College is for Baldwin County and Putnam County students in the 7th through 12th grades. It allows the accepted students the opportunity to complete up to 60 college credit hours when the graduate 12th grade and helps in making students eligible for the HOPE Scholarship.

“They’re the greatest kids,” Daniel-Tyson said. “If we don’t have anything in that program except the belief in those kids, we’ll be fine.”

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*– Camille Daniel-Tyson  
Principal of Early College*



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## Reaching new heights

Freshman Diana Dazey, top, climbs a rock wall on East Campus during Venture Out’s Open Rock Climbing Night on Wednesday. Students could climb and learn how to belay at no cost.

## Surviving Pollen: Alice Loper’s advice to a healthy spring

**Q:** What kind of medicine is recommended for general allergies?

**A:** At the heath center, we give students Clariton or Zyrtec. Drug stores carry these also and they generally sell Mettie Pot. It’s a little pitcher-looking thing that you put into your sinus through the nose to help with allergies.

**Q:** What are some good cures for a sore throat?

**A:** Using a salt-water gargle or sucking on a lozenge can help sooth a sore throat.

**Q:** Is there a solution to itchy eyes?

**A:** Over-the-counter eye drops can help. Any local drug store should have them.

Info compiled by Claire Dykes  
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## Sponsorship

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looking to change the current sponsorship policy in a major way. Its purpose is to better clarify the policy and its conditions.

One problem the SGA committee saw while working on the revision was that many campus organizations were unaware of the policy and were unintentionally going through loopholes.

Cullars said the only big change in the policy is that it gives clear definitions the organizations will need to know. It also gives specific examples of the vendors the university has a contract with, something the old policy was too vague about.

“Student organizations I think a lot of the times wanted to do what was right, but they didn’t quite understand what was permitted and what wasn’t,” Cullars said.

One thing the new policy did was add clear definitions and two appendices that outline the types of services provided by the university as well as specific contracted vendors. One appendix even specifi-

cally names the businesses the university is currently under contractual agreements with, such as Coca-Cola, Chick-fil-A and Mac-Gray Laundry Services. Therefore, RSOs and other campus departments cannot solicit or accept sponsorships from companies in direct competition with them.

The policy does allow a couple exceptions. GCSU’s student media is exempt, due to first amendment rights, as is the athletics department.

“In the past, athletics was allowed to do some things on their own because they have to generate their own support for the teams and the uniforms and athletic events, so they were not bound by necessarily the same provisions as the rest of campus,” Cullars said.

Cullars has been a big supporter in creating and passing the new policy.

“Our office ends up being the one that polices what takes place, so we’d love to have something in concrete that we can know what we’re enforcing,” Cullars said. “We have an invested interest in trying to protect those contracts and make sure that we, as a university, are not violating the stipulations in those contracts.”

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### Raising class sizes, lowering personal education

Like it or not, bigger classes are coming to GCSU next fall. Three classes will have enrollments of 130-160 students. While we realize that not every class can have the 17 to 1 student to faculty ratio that is supposed to be our average, class sizes in the triple digits are excessive. Learning in such large classes can be challenging and with so many students, it is easy to feel disconnected. And feeling disconnected creates the opposite learning environment that GCSU strives for.

In a class of over 100 people, the close relationship between faculty and students would be lacking. Absent students go unnoticed and having class in a crowded auditorium makes it difficult for students to pay attention.

Inattentive students are not engaged in the learning process, which is something that the university has been striving for. A move like this is a step backward from initiatives meant to engage students, such as service learning and critical thinking. With a class this size, it is difficult, if not impossible, to do much more than lecture and a few tests based on the lectures. Few teachers will want to sit down and grade so many papers and essay questions.

Some students choose GCSU because it is smaller than schools like The University of Georgia, where classes can be as large as 300 students. Some of these students see a class with 50 or 60 people as a big class. Even in a class with 50 or 60 people, a teacher can seem unapproachable. Imagine what a class in a packed Arts & Sciences Auditorium will feel like.

Classes of this size also strain the resources that professors can offer. They can only give so many office hours to their students and right before a big test many students may need help. Everyone may not be able to get the help they need.

We at The Colonnade feel that these large classes go against the liberal arts atmosphere. Such crowded classes do not encourage discussion and they do not engage students in learning. It is difficult to get the same education in a large class that you would get in a smaller class.

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## Economy takes lead in latest spin cycle

Congress plays political games. We all know that. It does it with health care, education and many other issues. The spin cycles on both sides are continuously rotating, depending on the subject at the time. And now since the health care debate seems to have died down, the newest round of spin and political plotting has centered around the economy. On April 2, it was reported that the economy had created about 162,000 new jobs in the month of March. There would be no way to spin this type of news, right?

GOP House member Peter Roskam of Illinois was quoted as saying that the jobs numbers were “the economic equivalent of cotton candy.” Really? 162,000 more people waking up and going work is cotton candy? This time last year we were losing over half of a million jobs a month and you call the largest job gain in 3 years cotton candy? It’s not nearly where we need to be, but it’s a very welcome improvement.

Closer to home, Rep. Tom Price of Georgia said “we have still yet to



IAN  
BRIDGEFORTH

see the robust private sector job creation the Obama administration said would come from its \$862 billion failed stimulus.” Price seemed to have selectively forgotten to mention that only about \$300 billion of the \$862 billion has been actually paid out. So, saying that it has already failed is a little much.

I can guarantee if the president had an “R” instead of a “D” next to his name, Roskam and Price would have sung an entirely different tune to these jobs numbers.

Democrats can’t be let off the hook either. When Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky held up unemployment benefits for thousands of people in February, Democrats were gleeful. Yes, they were mad about what Bunning was doing but inside the ranks, they loved the controversy because it made Republicans

look bad and gave them a few points on the scoreboard for the week.

And not surprisingly both parties are at it again. Last week over 200,000 laid-off workers saw their unemployment benefits expire because the Senate couldn’t stop fighting about how to pay for an extension of the benefits. Democrats wanted to pay for it on an emergency basis and the GOP wanted to use stimulus funds. So when the benefits expired, what did they both do? They blamed each other for the fallout. Now what does that do for those 200,000 people who won’t be getting those benefits? I don’t think I even have to answer that.

There’s a time and place for everything. I don’t expect these elected officials to always do the right thing because that’s how politics works. But this 24-hour cycle of spin and plotting is creating a myriad of real problems that are piling up fast. At some point these legislators are supposed to do what they were sent the Washington to do, which is to actually legislate.

## Satire column: Chocolate Jesus saves

The bunny beat Jesus again. How long will the Christian community continue to let this happen? There needs to be a new campaign to upgrade the Messiah and make children desire him more than a cute, furry mammal, and since the church refuses to help Jesus regain his holiday, I took it upon myself to save the true meaning of Easter.

While most Americans celebrated the resurrection by wearing ugly pastel hats, I went to the mall and set up a photo booth for children to take pictures with Jesus. Not the regular wigged, fake beard Jesus but a lovely mascot Jesus with an overly large head and furry body to further attract kids. As children sat in my lap, I asked them what they wanted for Easter and I was shocked at the answers.

Kids could care less about salvation from the eternal fires of hell, they want candy. Under the cover of night, I – escalating as the Son



STEVE  
HOLBERT

of God – ran around the globe, breaking into housing and putting Hershey’s chocolate in the shape of the Trinidad under each child’s pillow. I don’t see how the Easter Bunny does it? I was sprinting on water and I could barely make it over the ocean on time. The thought of a bearded man sneaking into children’s bedrooms is not appealing to parents – unless it’s Jesus.

While touring the globe, I attempted to make Christianity more appealing as a whole to match the 2010 mindset. I repainted “The Lord’s Supper” in a more practical manner complete with jelly bean meal and 12 peep disciples, but

nothing I did mattered because the Easter Bunny foiled me at every turn with his sugary goodness and claymation specials, where he also attempts to take over other holidays.

Saving a Christian holiday from excessive commercialism is too big a job for one skinny white boy, but I will press on because if the Easter Bunny is not caught, captured, and properly executed, imagine how far the worship will continue in the future. In 10 years, crucifixes will be replaced by sad bunnies with eaten ears and heavenly halos. Parents will tuck their children into bed telling them the classic story of how after three days, St. Peter Rabbit busted out of the tomb and began his journey to make children happy. I will not let that happen.

Easter Bunny, if you are reading this, I’m after you and not even PETA can save you.

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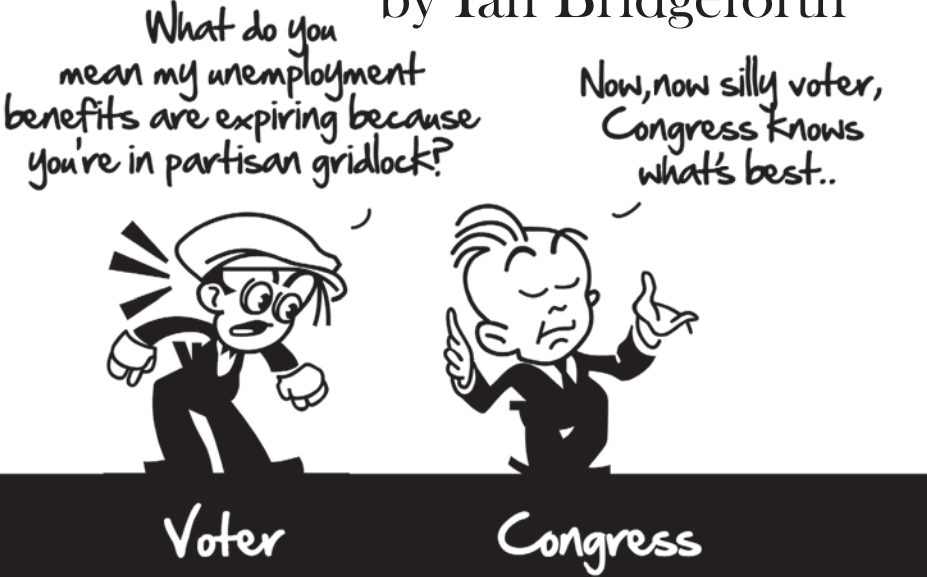
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# Independent Satire

by Ian Bridgeforth



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Excerpts from the Web

*Editor's note: Because we did not receive any letters to the editor this week, the following are story comments from GCSUnade.com.*

#### Responses to “ ‘Black table’ article controversy answered” by Alexandria Bell

Dear Ms. Bell,

You made it sound like she wrote something atrocious like black people should never be allowed to sit together. To be better informed, I read the article you were referring to.

I laughed. Mostly because I believe you blew it completely out of proportion. Her opinion was more than just about black people sitting together. Would you have felt less insulted if she said Hispanics instead of blacks? Maybe so. It made sense for her (I would assume) to “target” black people because they are the school’s largest minority group at that time. It was relevant to this campus. It would have made less of an impact if she addressed the Hispanics or even asians that were on campus.

I think a big mistake you made is that you have solely focused on the bit of the article about the black table. I think people were more upset about the headline on the article than the actual article itself. People proceeded to read the first few paragraphs and then the controversy was born.

That would’ve been OK, I guess, except for that pretty important part that the rest of her observations on affirmative action, preferential treatment, stereotypes and such, were completely lost. The people were insulted before they can even pay attention to what her entire message was all about ... (read more at GCSUnade.com).

— Girl for all Races, posted 3/05/10

I was here when the original article was written, and the reason the black students were offended was because the writer never asked our opinion. Nor did she address the other groups of students that sit together in the cafeteria, like fraternity and sorority students, athletes and science majors. The central thing is they all have something in common. Ms. Lugo, in the original, was misinformed on the reason we all sat together. She

said, “they are creating an elitist society to one day over throw the majority.” That article to me is stupid! We have not ever done that or have an intention of doing that.

I think the point Ms. Bell is making is that we sit together because we have a commonality, not because we want to be segregated!

— GCSUFighter, posted 3/05/10

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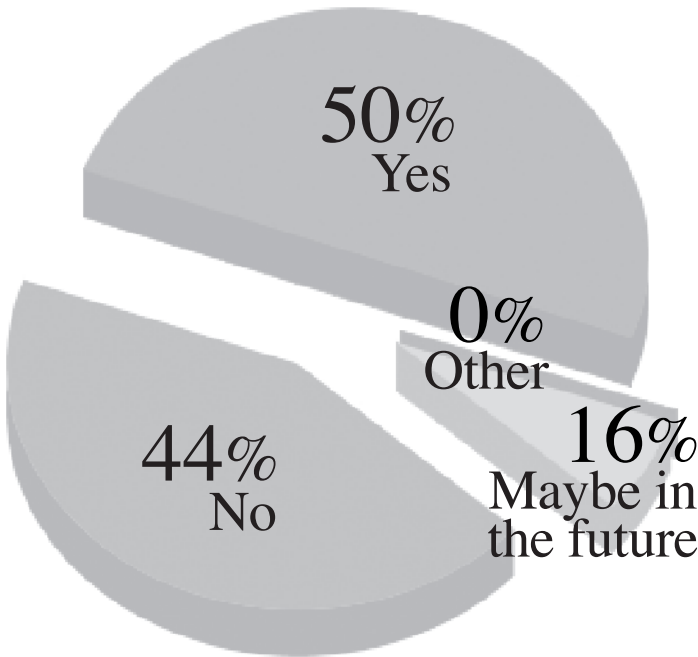
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GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

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“What do you think are the advantages, if any, of the iPad?”



“It is everything you need at the tip of your finger. I think it is cool in the fact that it started a new way of thinking about computers.”

Mandy Stewart, sophomore, art major

“I think it is user interface friendly. I think Macs have always been, but with this product it is more because all you have to do is touch it. They have simplified the relationship between man and machine.”

Daniel Chamberlin, junior, art history major



“I really don’t know that much about it, but I feel like it doesn’t offer anything new. It is just a new design of the same old Apple product.”

Amy Hutchinson, sophomore, early childhood education major

“It makes you look stylish, or I think that is one of the subconscious reasons people buy it. You are buying the image, not just the technology.”

Sarah Wilson Davis, senior, fine arts major

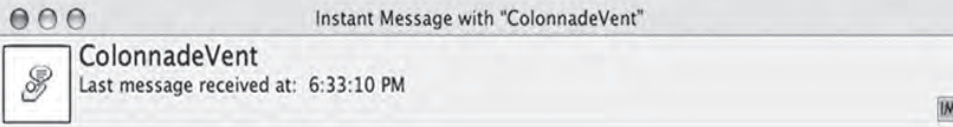


“I think for mobility purposes it is very advantageous. Depending on your job I think it is a very good thing to have. Also if you are always on the go you have everything with you. It is mainly a cool, new product to have to be stylish.”

Josh Young, junior, art major

Reported by Mandy Ellis

## The Litter Box



To the victim of the Front Campus “Frisbee throwin, loogie spittin’ hooligans.” On behalf of users of Front Campus, we apologize for not realizing all that free space was only meant for walking and sitting. We will be sure to walk all six blocks to Central City Park next time we think about throwing it across the space you use to walk on one of five different sidewalks. Very silly of us. Also, sorry for spitting. We did not realize it was your property. But while we are making useless complaints ... dear Colonnade, please just call them Frisbees and not “flying discs.” Thanks.

Freeman’s Barber Shop behind Zaxby’s now has an \$8 special.

Jittery Joe’s is awesome!

Because to be tolerant is to accept everyone and show tolerance in return. I’m so disgusted by homophobic people.

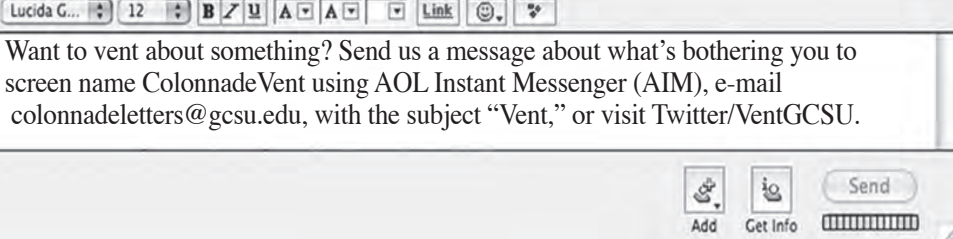
Parenthood is the best new show on television because it’s funny without being cheesy.

Why do I have so much school work this close to graduation? I just want to sit around and do nothing.

Crosswalks are made for crossing the road. Please, do not stop and have your conversations there. You are making me late for class.

It’s hard to get out of bed in the morning knowing that there will be no Dexter to watch in the evenings. It’s like, where is the motivation?

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*Learning Center, Language Lab and Writing Center available for help*

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

There are many free useful resources for GCSU students on campus that remain unused, but the people are still willing to help.

Graduate student tutors like Stephen McCormick and Matt Jurak staff a writing center, located in Lanier Hall.

The main goal of the Writing Center is not to proofread papers and deal with grammatical errors, but to help students try and write better papers in general.

"Most students come in not knowing what they want help with, so we try and help them figure out what they need," Jurak said.

The tutors don't want students to leave frustrated, but instead to depart knowing how to better organize their essays and papers. They specialize in helping students start their writing assignments and how to use quotes effectively.

"If you can't make it to Lanier Hall there are several undergrads that have writing tutorials in the residence halls," McCormick said.

The Language Lab is made up of two rooms. One is a computer lab where teachers assign tasks for their students to do and another room is where tutors like Mary Bess Parks, a junior Spanish minor, and Luke Hawthorne, a French major, help students with their respective languages by answering questions and offering homework help.

"We have the answers to all the workbooks. Actually some have been stolen, so if you have those please return them," Parks said.

According to Hawthorne not many French students come for help even though they mean to.

"It's sad that so few people use it. It's a great resource," Hawthorne said.

The Learning Center is the more crowded of the three tutoring centers. According to physics and math tutor



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From left, senior Kristen Allen, freshman Austin McCallister and sophomore Sean Connolly take advantage of the quiet of the Learning Center to work on math homework. The Learning Center is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Learning Center services are accessible to any GCSU enrolled student free of charge.

Reece Boston, the most popular subject to visit the Learning Center for is math. Probability and statistics, as well as calculus, are the subjects in which the most students need help.

"We tutor in a variety of subjects. There are some tutors who specialize in

economics and some in chemistry. I'm weird because I have taken so many math classes that I can help people in a lot of ways," Boston said.

Students can also come to the center just to study, they don't need to have questions. According to Boston, many

students have come in to find their classmates studying as well as helping one another.

A Bobcat Card is all that is needed to access these facilities and get assistance.

## Preparing for what comes next Career Center a launching pad for the future

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Between August 2009 and April 2010 the University Career Center has had over 314 meetings with students to provide them with advisement and information on employers, applications and interviews. The Career Center, located on the second floor of Lanier Hall, seeks to empower students of all ages to avidly pursue career and educational decisions that are the best for them.

With the economy teetering and many students nervous about finding places in the work force, the Career Center is a launching ground to aid them in their research for employers and graduate schools. Director Mary Roberts believes the center is having more students come in to seek advice, but she said it is hard to know for sure.

"As of right now we have seen more student appointments this year than last year and the year has not even ended," Roberts said. "It is hard to tell if the economy is affecting this since in the spring we usually have more students come out to prepare for interviews and internships."

The main workshop for spring 2010 is the Backpack-

to-Briefcase Conference, taking place today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Atkinson classrooms. The Career Center requires students to sign up for this conference ahead of time in order to prepare the speakers, which this year includes representatives from GEICO, The Sherwin-

*"The job fair was really helpful, I spoke with several different people and passed my resume around. The career fairs emphasize the importance of networking."*

**- Anna Bryson, senior mass communication student who recently got an internship with Goodwill Industries Inc.**

Williams Company and The Hertz Corp.

Anna Bryson, a senior mass communication major, was offered an internship with Goodwill Industries International Inc. after attending a career fair hosted by the Career Center.

"The job fair was really helpful," Bryson said. "I spoke with several different people and passed my resume around. The career fairs

emphasize the importance of networking."

Another student who benefited from the Career Center is Samantha Carrick, a senior psychology major. When she was a sophomore, Carrick "had no clue" what career field she wanted to major in, so she went to the Career Center for help.

"I took the career aptitude test and a personality assessment," Carrick said. "I had several meetings with a counselor. We discussed how my personality matched certain career fields. The meetings helped me discover what my strengths were and how I could refine those depending on the major I chose."

Like Carrick, many other students take the opportunity to find out more about future employment possibilities. During the fall semester, the Career Center hosted events and seminars had an attendance rate of 288 attendees. Individual sessions are offered with coordinators as well. Internship coordinator Michelle Berg is one of the many advisers available to students, specifically to discuss the Career Connection job and internship database, to search and prepare for internships, and for transition-

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# Counseling, support available through counseling services

BY RACHEL MOLDOVAN  
STAFF WRITER

Success. The word that keeps many students alive and keeps us up late studying for tests and writing papers.

The idea that we will graduate one day and become “successful” rings in the back of our heads when we wake up for 5 a.m. registration or when we get that small high from studying between the books until the librarian kicks us out. We feel success when an A on that hard test comes back.

We know success when we feel like something is right in our souls. However, we know that success seems far away sometimes. With the stresses of staying up late, extra workloads and trying to decide areas of study, sometimes a little extra support can be a lifesaver.

Dr. Mary Jean Phillips of the GCSU Counseling Department said: “We try to help students remove roadblocks to success.”

Counseling services at GCSU provide service to all university students for free while any non-university individuals are charged a fee for services. There are a few counselors and a part-time psychiatrist on staff. Semester fees paid by students are what keeps counseling services running.

Services offered not only include individual and group counseling, but also couples and family counseling, academic support, career counseling, presentations

and events on special topics, referrals and an initial psychiatric evaluation. Counselors also help people with significant personality disorders and mental illnesses.

“Our job is to help you figure out what your options are,” Phillips said. “We are not designed to give people advice or tell them what to do; we do help people figure out what their choices are and how to implement them.”

Phillips said that the first question she asks every new client is: “What do you want to change?”

Relationships, adjustment to college, dealing with grief, anxiety, time management and stress are all just a portion of the factors that counseling services can help people understand and cope with. Phillips said going to college has an impact on students and learning to deal with the stress is part of it.

In the fall, individual client contacts went up 40 percent from a year earlier, she noted. Not only did the number of students in need of service go up, but the severity of issues rose also. In the fall of 2008 just 2 percent of students reported trauma in their lives, but by this past fall that figure rose to 22 percent. The counselors and psychologists on campus are still puzzled by the jump in the numbers.

With so many students in need of counseling, appointments were almost impossible to make. As a result, faculty and staff members were concerned about getting students into the services in a timely

## Stress relief tips from counseling services

- *The best strategy for avoiding stress is to relax.*
- *Take care of yourself. Eat well and get enough rest.*
- *Make time for fun. It's important to your well-being.*
- *Get involved. To keep from being lonely or sad, get involved in the campus around you.*
- *It's OK to cry. It can be a relief and prevent a headache.*
- *Check off your tasks.*
- *Do some physical activity. It relieves tense feelings because your mind and body work together.*
- *Know your limits.*
- *Find humor.*
- *Find meaning or a purpose for your life.*

GRAPHIC BY AMANDA BODDY

manner.

“We were really worried for people’s safety and well-being,” Phillips said. “It was really bad but we got everyone out alive.”

With a small staff in search of help, it was decided that part of GCSU’s emergency funds would go toward mental health.

Since then, counseling services has increased the flexibility of its department by adding another counselor and increasing the psychiatrist’s time. It’s also hiring a nurse practitioner who is able to follow

up with psychiatric services in Student Health Services.

“We were able to keep it together for a few months, but now we are a lot better,” Phillips said.

There is still a tight schedule and with two temporary staff spots in the department, they are now doing a permanent search. There are now counselors, psychologists and therapists on staff.

“For the entire academic community, we work it at a systematic level to promote growth and development for everybody here in this environment,” Phillips said.

## Career Center

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ing from college into a career.

The last career fair of the semester is the Georgia Association of Colleges and Employer’s “College-to-College” fair in Atlanta at the Cobb Galleria Centre on April 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Career Center has had many students attend this event in the past, finding the day a great time to network and get criticism on their resume.

Bryson believes the workshops and fairs “help students by allowing (them) to help themselves.”

“Whether you are looking for a job, trying to figure out a career or looking for an internship the Career Center can help,” Bryson said. “The center offers a wide variety of services that any student can benefit from. The Career Center is not an intimidating place and is accessible to all students.”

Funded by state allocations, the center is also moving to give alumni and students a way to stay connected online. Career Connection is an online service serving at least 1,100 current students, according to Roberts. The site helps many access jobs and internships. Through this many alumni stay linked to GCSU and other students are able to hear the latest employer news releases first.

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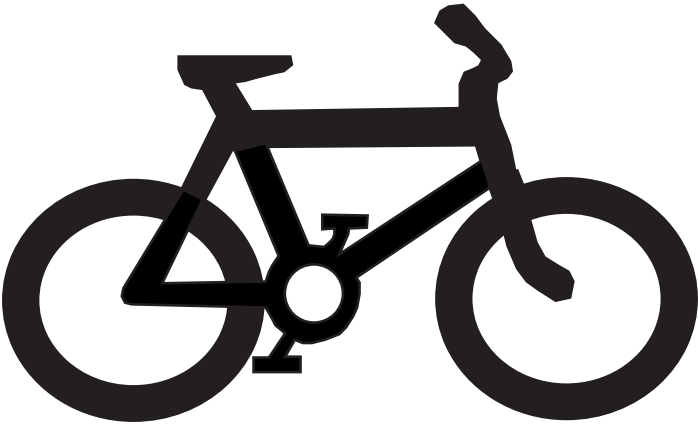
### PERSONAL TRAINING

The Wellness Depot offers personal training services to GCSU students, faculty and staff. This service is made possible through collaboration with the Exercise Scxaience Seniors. Although some students are ACSM certified personal trainers, most are not. However, their academic courses and requirements, along with numerous hours of practical instruction, qualifies them to provide one-on-one or small group fitness training.

The cost is \$25 for 6 weeks and includes a Fitness Consultation, 2 Complete Fitness Assessments, and one-on-one training during every session. Each client is required to commit to working out with his/her trainer at least 2 hours per week. There is no extra cost for more than 2 hours/week and is highly recommended.

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# Band director to leave behind musical legacy

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

It started with just five students in 1990 when Dr. Todd Shiver came to GCSU. The music department was small, but Shiver was determined to make it grow. He came as the interim chair and changed the dynamics of the program. He has conducted the concert and jazz band, as well as teaching a variety of other classes like conducting and music education. Even though he keeps a busy schedule, he still manages to have fun with his job and keeps a positive attitude.

"As a band director I get much enjoyment over the success of my band students, but as the interim chair I get to enjoy the success of all of the music students and the music faculty as well," Shiver said. "Being a part of that success

makes it all worth it."

Now, 20 years later, there are 80 people in the concert band alone and Shiver has left a mark on the music department. He has recently been offered a job at Central Washington University and will be leaving after this semester.

"I will always treasure my time here at GCSU and I have always said that I would never leave to take a band director job anywhere else," Shiver said. "However, in order to begin a new career path in administration it was necessary for me to move away."

Shiver said he has stretched students and teachers alike at GCSU to their fullest potential and still had a lot of fun in the process. One of their concerts in particular paid homage to a historical event that happened on this campus.

"One of my favorite concerts,

because it had such historical meaning, (was) recreating this live nation-wide broadcast that Bob Hope did here in Russell Auditorium in an effort to raise war bonds and entertain the Navy WAVES who were training here on this campus. This was also the first collaboration with Dr. Bob Wilson serving as the emcee for the jazz band. He has served in that capacity for the past 15 years."

This particular show was done twice, once in 1995 and a second time in 2003, when they actually had access to the original recording of the performance. There have been other memorable shows too that even the faculty has enjoyed.

Percussion teacher Ryan Smith, has been teaching and working with Shiver for five years.

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FILE PHOTO

Todd Shiver applauds during a jazz band concert. Shiver is stepping down as the band director and interim music department chair after this semester to take a position at Central Washington University.



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Jack Nisbet, center, gestures toward a sugarberry tree at the Lower Tobler Creek Trail at Andalusia. Nisbet led a nature walk to show the variety of flora and fauna living in the middle Georgia area and also spoke to science classes at GCSU.

## Acclaimed nature writer visits GCSU, shares knowledge of local environment

BY LAUREN DAVIDSON  
STAFF WRITER

A sugarberry tree, an overcup oak tree, a beavertail cactus, and an Eastern fence lizard are some of the plants and wildlife that make up the Lower Tobler Creek Trail at Andalusia. On March 30, Jack Nisbet, a teacher and award-winning nature writer, led a nature walk for GCSU students, and the Milledgeville community, to attend and enjoy the beautiful natural area seen while walking along the trail.

Nisbet has worked along with Dr. Melanie Devore, professor of environmental sciences, in the past at Stonerose Interpretive Center in Washington state.

"I met her in Eastern Washington at a fossil site she works at. She saw me working with kids and there was an event that we did presentations together at and we just hit it off," Nisbet said.

Craig Amason, the executive director of the Flannery O'Connor Foundation, said Devore expressed interest to him about bringing Nisbet to Andalusia.

"She approached me about the possibility of bringing him here to do some environmental programming, not only here at Andalusia but in the community and to try to get as many people involved in it as we could for a week," Amason said. "Since we actually have a nature trail and this is an environmental program it made sense for him to use that part of our property for his presentation here."

Nisbet not only led the nature walk at Andalusia, but also gave a presentation at Mary Vinson Memorial Library about "David Douglas and the Lure of the New World." The library held a book signing for his new book "The Collector." He also came and spoke to students during a few science classes at GCSU.

Carol Seo, a senior environmental science major, said Nisbet visited her paleobotany class and talked to the students about David Douglas.

"Jack Nisbet introduced David Douglas, a botanical explorer in western North America," Seo said. "He talked about the botanical connections he made between

England and North America. In lecture he made the connections between the plants we saw at Andalusia and different plant fossils we are currently identifying in lab with research that has been conducted. He discussed where fossils could be found, who studies them and how paintings can also be studied to really visualize what could be seen in landscapes in the 1800s."

Nisbet also joined Seo's paleobotany class during its lab at the Lockerly Arboretum.

"While we were walking around Lockerly, Mr. Nisbet explained the connections that Douglas made between Liverpool and North America. We walked the trail and identified different plants, and talked about their origin, and the importance of some, how some plants were used for medication long time ago. Also, he was able to break down a lot of what he knew and was able to share it in a way that anyone could understand and relate to. It shined a different light on what we've been studying in paleobotany with Dr. Devore," Seo said.

Devore said that her stu-

dents are working on a project where they are asked to describe plants through writing. She believes Nisbet is someone who is able to deliver scientific information in a way that interests the general public.

"For my class they have a project where their describing a flora and doing their own treatment where they describe the plants, what plants their most closely related to that are living today, how they were deposited, what was going on as far as the geology, getting a story," Devore said. "Jack is someone who takes that and says, 'OK, if I am somebody who's looking at this, here's what captures my imagination, here's what people would really find interesting,' and he takes that to a wider audience than I could personally."

Nisbet has written award-winning books such as "Sources of the River: Tracking David Thompson across Western North America," "Purple Flat Top, Singing Grass, Burning Sage," "Visible Bones: Journeys across Time in the Columbia River County" and his latest book "The Collector."



*"He made the connections between the plants we saw at Andalusia and different plant fossils we are currently identifying in lab."*  
— Carol Seo, environmental science major



# Carell, Fey a comedic match made in heaven

BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

“Date Night” is 2010’s first example of a popcorn flick that proudly settles on B-movie standards. Before the idea of the film is ever conceived, it’s no secret that Steve Carell and Tina Fey are a comedic match made in heaven. It’s like one of those scenarios where you just wonder how great the actors would be if they were in the same movie, and for that purpose alone the film is an utter success. Director Shawn Levy is no stranger to basic premises, and like his other projects, this one borrows several of its ideas from the romantic comedy stock. But what makes “Date Night” work so well in spite of its familiarity is the ingrained quality of its cast and how everything else just falls right into place.

The idea is pretty obvious. We’ve got a happily married couple on the latter side of 40 (or so) with two kids and a pair of demanding jobs. Their daily lives are so routine at this point, they have virtually no time to keep the romance in their marriage feeling fresh, and even when they do manage to have a good date night, it always ends on the same note: “why were we so hot for each other back then and not so much now?”

I’m not even going to elaborate on how many other romantic comedies have used this setup because even if I did, I’m sure that Shawn Levy would respond with a simple, “so what?” It’s a fair reaction from any director trying to maintain their work, but as we saw in “Just Married” and “Night at the Museum,” Levy has a good eye for talent and “Date Night” is by far his best work.

I knew when I first saw “Bruce Almighty” that there was something special to this nerdy-looking doofus named Steve Carell, and although I have still

yet to educate myself on “The Office” phenomenon, I am well aware of what makes him such a zany character. When you combine this with Fey’s “30 Rock” expertise, what you have are two iconic jesters who simply can’t fall victim to the stereotype of a romantic comedy duo.

Carell and Fey play Phil and Claire Foster, a hard-working suburban couple that just needs something exciting to do in their otherwise boring married-lives. The opportunity comes when they visit a fancy restaurant in downtown Manhattan called “Claw” (catchy name, right?). They arrive with no reservations, but that’s no problem; “we’ll just fill in for the first couple that doesn’t show up.” After taking the party of two known as the “Tripple-horns,” it seems like a new range of fun has presented itself ... until a pair of menacing-looking characters approach “the Tripple-horns” with a deadly proposition. From this point forward, “Date Night” turns into a spiraling swarm of comedic mishaps and chase sequences, all stemming from a simple case of mistaken identity.

What they say may come across as being mechanic to the flow of the genre, but like the movie itself, the actors are clearly enjoying themselves at every turn, and with notable performances from Ray Liotta, Mark Wahlberg and James Franco on the side, “Date Night” leaves nothing to waste in just 88 minutes. The arc of the storyline as I mentioned before, is nothing we haven’t seen already, and I certainly can’t reward anyone who predicts the concluding note of what it takes to make a real marriage work, but that’s not the point. This is what many of us critics like to call “just plain dumb fun.” Is it simple? Yes. Is it preposterous? Indeed. Is it still worth the price of a good date? You bet your ass!



GRADE: B

# Artist advocates animal rights by depicting real-life stories

BY CLAIRE KERSEY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Sue Coe entered her opening reception with a freshly tattooed forearm picturing an elephant drawn by a GCSU art student.

“I love this place. I had such a good time and I want to remember it,” Coe said.

Coe’s work is on display in the Museum of Fine Arts. She has worked as an illustrator for such prestigious publications as The New York Times, The New Yorker and Esquire magazine. But curator Carlos Herrera wanted to move beyond her commercial works.

“I wanted to show her talents for prints, drawings and paintings,” Herrera said.

Coe’s work focuses on the treatment animals receive in slaughterhouses, circuses and during shipping. She documents instances of animal abuse, such as a ship that sank with thousands of sheep aboard. Several pieces featured elephants, which she was particularly fascinated with.

Coe sees herself as a visual journalist, as each work displayed is based on a true story. One such piece shows an elephant being electrocuted. This instance is based on the story of Thomas Edison’s electric chair. To show the sheer power of the chair, he used an elephant as a guinea pig.

“I like that she’s making people aware of these issues,” Herrera said. “These are serious issues we don’t get to hear about.”

Coe combines her images with words to give her work more impact. The subject matter is tragic, but Coe means to educate through her work.

“(I like) the fact that it’s got meaning, it’s not just pretty pictures,” senior art major Taryn Giles said.

Coe’s life experiences have contributed to her work. She was raised in London near a slaughterhouse, and she volunteered for Earthwatch, a nonprofit that focuses on environmental issues. The or-



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sue Coe kneels next to one of her paintings. Her work visually documents cases of animal mistreatment, such as this painting of elephants.

ganization sent her to Sri Lanka, where she first encountered elephants.

When she selects a topic, she makes many pieces, not just five or six. Each piece is part of a series. Her work with elephants was a major part of her works that were shown at GCSU.

“(The topics) choose me. I wait a while and see if I can commit to the work,” Coe said.

In addition to an opening reception, Coe also gave a lecture about her work, showing pieces that supplemented the gallery exhibit. She also gave critiques to art students.

“She was very honest, more so than we’ve gotten before,” Giles said.

Coe left impressed by the work of GCSU students.

“They’ve come up with a lot of ideas,” Coe said. “There’s a lot of optimism about the future.”

# Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



## PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR SERENADES STUDENTS



Dr. Huaiyu Wang, philosophy professor, once won second place in a national championship guitar competition while in college and has now applied his talent to his teachings.

Wang said he started teaching philosophy because he had an interest in different cultures.

“Philosophy is regarded as the foundation of all international pursuit,” Wang said. “It’s important to question your own beliefs and understanding other cultures. Part of a more mature way of thinking is understanding those around you and respecting each other’s culture.”

Wang’s classes incorporate a wide variety of knowledge, including politics, economics and religion from an objective and enlightened standpoint. In a world in which issues are more than double sided, Wang teaches students to know the world around them.

*“Philosophy is an important subject because the world is connected in so many ways. We, as a human race need to rethink the relationships we have between cultures and with nature.”*

— Dr. Huaiyu Wang

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# Cherished clothes stitch together new exhibit

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

Hanging from tiny clothespins are the main focus of the latest art exhibit, “A Gathering,” at GCSU.

Artist Jon Coffelt hand stitches tiny clothes that each tell a special story while lining the walls.

Coffelt’s first piece doesn’t have a special name, but it has an important narrative that explains why he does what he does.

“I made my first miniature for my partner after he ruined his favorite shirt. I couldn’t fix it, but at least he still had a piece of it to remember it by,” Coffelt said.

He continues to let people keep parts of their cherished clothes. One of the pieces on display at the exhibit is a miniature mining uniform that a family member of a man lost in a mining accident sent Coffelt.

Coffelt has made miniatures for important people like the ambassador to the Czech Republic and famous people, an actress from 1950’s “All About Eve.” Each one, however, receives the same care and attention no matter who receives it.

“I have done several pieces where all the children, after their mother had passed, wanted the special jacket that she always wore. They sent it to me and now they all have a piece of it,” Coffelt said.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Jon Coffelt stands surrounded by the miniature clothes he has sewn by hand. He remakes replicas of original garments to preserve them.

His favorite pieces change with each new one he makes and sometimes Coffelt even references other artists, like Van Gogh, in his works. But according to him it is not what the clothes look like, it’s the story they tell.

“People have to trust me with the fabric from their loved ones clothes. That’s what makes this so special,” Coffelt said.

Even though each piece has a number attached, Coffelt refers to his works by the names of the people he associates the clothes with, like his Aunt Joy.

Sophomore nursing major Alex Godfrey liked how “very detailed” the clothes were.

“You could tell a lot of work was put into it,” Godfrey said.

Sophomore Yolanda Williams did not know what the exhibit was all about when she came for

a class, but she enjoyed it overall, she said.

“The little clothes are so cute, but the most touching part of it is the stories,” Williams said.

Coffelt lives and works in New York City, but he comes from the South and is a self proclaimed “Tennessee Hillbilly.” He knows many people in Milledgeville and that is the reason why he agreed to show his pieces at GCSU.

His expert sewing skills are evidenced through a mini sweater where he had to sew each little pearl on by hand. This artistry came from watching his grandmother as a child and he perfected it while working for fashion designer Willi Smith.

“I like what I do now because it is a way for all of his to keep the stuff that we morbidly hide under our beds in a more unique way,” Coffelt said.



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
**McLean Mix mixes it up**  
Husband and wife duo Barton and Priscilla McLean perform at Max Noah Recital Hall on March 29. They play electronic music, and project video behind them.

## Shiver

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“A couple years ago Dr. Shiver led the John Williams concert,” Smith said. “As a musician I like to remember people in terms of musical accomplishments, and this concert in particular was just a lot of fun.”

Shiver introduced several movie scores by Williams from “Indiana Jones” to “Harry Potter,” which proved to be challenging but very fulfilling. Shiver has also planned trips to Europe with the jazz band in the past and has gone the extra mile in planning the trip for this coming year even though he will not get to go.


Kevin Alexander, a junior music education major, has played the trumpet in Shiver’s band for the past three years and said he’s sad to see Shiver go, but knows that it is best.

“As someone who is going to be a future education major, I understand that it will

*“... as the interim chair I get to enjoy the success of all of the music students. Being a part of that success makes it all worth it.”*

— Todd Shiver

be good for him and his family to take an administrative position. Our jazz band was planning on going to the Czech Republic next year and we were planning on going with him, but everything is still on,” Alexander said. “He is definitely not leaving us out to dry. He was prepared to leave and he is preparing the school for his departure too.”





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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### EVADING ARREST

On April 3 at approximately 1:53 a.m. officer Gary Purvis observed a vehicle on Wayne Street near Baynes Army Store almost strike a pedestrian in the crosswalk. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver jumped out of the vehicle and ran from the scene. GCSU officers and Milledgeville Police Department officers were able to apprehend a male at the corner of Liberty and Habersham streets. He was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk, 2 counts of obstruction of an officer, open container in vehicle and DUI.

### WRONG WAY

On April 3 at approximately 7:06 p.m. Sgt. Nick Reonas observed a vehicle on McIntosh Street going the wrong way on the one-way street. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver, who told the officer his name. Reonas did a background check on that name and told the driver that he did not look like the photo. The male advised he had lost a lot of weight. He seemed extremely nervous and was visibly shaking. Further investigations found the driver's true name. The driver admitted to giving his brother's information because his license was suspended. He was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with giving false name and date of birth, driving with a suspended license and driving on the wrong side of the road.

### FOUL LANGUAGE

On April 4 at approximately 2:14 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a vehicle on Hancock Street fail to maintain its lane. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. An open container of alcohol was found in the vehicle and it was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. He was placed under arrest for DUI and refused to be given a breathalyzer test. He became belligerent and was using profanity at the officers. The driver was transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI 2nd offense, open container, failure to maintain a lane and disorderly conduct.

### NOISE VIOLATION

On April 3 at approximately 12:29 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a vehicle on Hancock Street without headlights activated and excessively loud music. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. While speaking with him, Ransom could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. When given a breathalyzer test, he registered .087. In lieu of arrest, the driver was turned over to the Student Judicial Board for DUI and issued a citation for loud music.

### NOT TOO BRIGHT

April 4 at approximately 3:03 a.m. Sgt. Nick Reonas observed a vehicle on Hancock Street with no headlights on. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. It was determined that she was under the influence of alcohol and when given a breathalyzer test, registered .218. She was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI and lack of headlight requirements.

### UNRESPONSIVE

April 2 at approximately 3:08 a.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller was dispatched to Wells Hall in reference to a student unresponsive in the hallway. Contact was made with a male, who was intoxicated and in need of medical care. EMS responded and transported the male to Oconee Regional Medical Center, where it was determined that he had alcohol and amphetamines in his system. The matter has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

### SICK STUDENT

April 2 at approximately 1:50 a.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller was dispatched to Bell Hall in reference to a student who was drunk and vomiting. Contact was made with a female student, who was intoxicated and laying on the bathroom floor. It was determined that she did not need medical assistance and the roommate stated she would take care of her. In lieu of arrest, the matter was turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, April 9 - Thursday, April 15

### Friday, April 9

8:30 a.m. 1st Annual Middle Georgia Student Diversity Conference - 232 Lanier Hall  
10 a.m. Backpack to Briefcase conference - 1st floor, Atkinson Hall

### Saturday, April 10

1 p.m. Baseball vs. UNC Pembroke - West Campus  
2 p.m. Softball vs. North Ga. - West Campus  
6 p.m. Annual Athletics Auction - Centennial Center

### Sunday, April 11

12 p.m. Tennis vs. SCAD - Centennial Center  
1 p.m. Baseball vs. UNC Pembroke - West Campus  
7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Piano - Max Noah Recital Hall

### Monday, April 12

12:30 p.m. IDST Faculty Forum - Arts & Sciences 275  
7:30 p.m. Orchestra Spring Concert - Magnolia Ballroom

### Tuesday, April 13

11 a.m. College to Career Fair - 232 Lanier Hall

### Wednesday, April 14

12:30 p.m. Times Talk - Beeson Hall lower level  
12:30 p.m. College to Career Fair - 125 Kilpatrick Hall  
8 p.m. Theater: "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" - Russell Auditorium

### Thursday, April 15

2 p.m. GREEN Initiative Committee Meeting - Arts & Sciences 216  
8 p.m. Theater: "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" - Russell Auditorium

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## ‘Cats crush Trojans, streak at nine

### Baseball wins at Anderson (S.C.) after home sweep of Southwestern

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team extended its winning streak to nine games this past Tuesday when it traveled to South Carolina and defeated Anderson 11-3.

In the first inning, the Bobcats scored a run when senior first baseman Matt Pitts’ RBI set the score at 1-0. However, the Trojans were quick to respond as they also scored a run to tie GCSU 1-1. The Bobcats were able to pull ahead in the fourth inning when a single hit by junior catcher Richard Pirkle earned him an RBI, with Pitts scoring to set the score at 2-1.

GCSU began to spread the run gap in the sixth inning when two RBI hits by senior pitch-hitter Steve Muoio and senior left fielder Kyle Allen, an RBI earned from a triple hit by senior centerfielder Sean Harrell, and five more runs for a total of eight runs in the sixth put the Bobcats ahead 10-1. GCSU scored for the final time in the seventh inning when a single hit by senior shortstop Brett George allowed sophomore catcher Benton Yuan to cross home plate and give the Bobcats an 11-1 lead over the Trojans.

Anderson attempted to catch up when in the ninth inning they scored two runs but were unable to score again and GCSU defeated the Trojans 11-3 and secured a nine-game winning streak.

“The stolen bases and extra base hits, that just kind of feeds off one another, Harrell said. “When you get one you get the other and it puts everyone in motion and it’s a great way to play baseball in a high-scoring game.”

On the mound for GCSU, junior pitcher Matt Kaplan recorded five strikeouts and allowed only one run in five innings.

This past weekend, the Bobcats were at home and swept Georgia Southwestern in a three-game series.

When the first game started, GCSU pulled ahead in the first inning when junior right fielder Shawn Ward hit a three-run homer and the Bobcats went ahead 4-0 early. Both teams scored three runs in the third inning to



MATT CHAMBERS / SENIOR REPORTER

Junior second baseman Jason Veyna looks to turn a double play during Game 2 of a doubleheader against Georgia Southwestern this past Saturday, as senior shortstop Chandler Snell looks on. The Bobcats swept the Hurricanes in the series with explosive offense.

make the score 7-3 with the Bobcats leading. In the fifth inning, Ward hit a solo homer, his second of the game, and GCSU brought in four more runs to give them a 13-4 edge over Southwestern. The Hurricanes managed to score one run in the eighth, but the Bobcats responded when Muoio brought in two runs with a single up the middle to secure a GCSU victory with the final score at 14-5.

“We’ve all had our little struggle times and points, but we’re clicking now,” Ward said. “We just have to keep playing good ball and be aggressive, if the pitchers come out and throw strikes and the offense gets it done when we can, I think we’ll go a long way.”

On Saturday, the Bobcats and the Hurricanes played a doubleheader to conclude the series.

At the start of Saturday’s first game, GCSU

had a high-scoring first inning when a three-run homer from Harrell, two RBI by Muoio and four other runs gave the Bobcats a 9-0 lead. The third inning brought five runs for the Hurricanes and three for GCSU to put the score at 13-6 in the Bobcats’ favor. Although Southwestern made a good effort to catch up, including scoring five more runs in the fourth inning, they were unable to overcome GCSU’s huge lead at the start of the game, and the Bobcats won the second game of the series 16-12.

In the concluding game of the series, both teams started out aggressively. The Hurricanes were first to take control of the game when they scored one run in the first inning and three runs in the second inning. GCSU

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## Tennis squads battle hard, take tough losses



CLAIRE DYKES / SENIOR REPORTER

Freshman Michelle Lingner serves against Clayton State this past Tuesday in her singles match.

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU tennis teams dealt with some tough defeats over the past week against high-ranked competition after a pair of shutout victories this past Friday.

Most recently, the women’s team took a pair of losses Tuesday and Wednesday to drop three straight overall. Tuesday’s loss came to Peach Belt Conference rival Clayton State, 6-3, and Wednesday’s match resulted in a 7-2 defeat against Brenau.

Against Clayton, GCSU earned wins at first, third and sixth singles from senior Diane Danna, junior Bertille Lion and sophomore Adriana Acuna, respectively.

Then on Wednesday against Brenau, the Bobcats again lost all three doubles matches, and this time could only get wins from Danna and Lion at first and third singles.

Previously this past week, the women’s team experienced each side of shutouts, winning Friday against Georgia Southwestern 9-0, and dropping all nine matches the following day against No. 5 Columbus State.

Against Southwestern, Danna and Lion teamed for the win at first doubles, and each took their singles matches at first and third spots, respectively, while freshmen Kayla Barksdale and Michelle Lingner paired at second doubles and won their singles matches at the second and fourth spots, respectively. Freshman Linda Mosa and Acuna won their match

at third doubles, and also took their singles matches at the fifth and sixth spots, respectively.

The men’s squad only played the two weekend matches along with the women, and also earned a split. Their victory also came by shutout, 9-0, against Southwestern. Their loss, however, was by the slimmest of margins as they fell 5-4 to No. 8 Columbus State.

On Friday against Southwestern, the Bobcats got wins from their first doubles pair of sophomore Jerome Leborgne and freshman Johan Wadstein, as well as from seniors Max Beliankou and Giovane Nucci at the second spot and sophomore Leo Bernardes and freshman Tyler Franks at third doubles.

In singles, GCSU did not lose a set, as they swept first through sixth with Leborgne, Beliankou, Nucci, Bernardes, freshman Victor Andersson and sophomore Bobby Angelucci all sweeping their matches, respectively.

On Saturday against Columbus, the Bobcats’ lone doubles win came from Beliankou and Nucci, 9-7 at the second spot. Singles wins from the first three spots got them to within 5-4, as Leborgne, Wadstein and Beliankou took their matches, respectively.

Both teams traveled to Anderson (S.C.) yesterday for matches, with results unavailable due to press time constraints. The women are in action today at UNC Pembroke at 2 p.m., and both teams play at home on Sunday against SCAD at noon.

## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

It’s early, sure enough, but the excitement level is through the roof for the 2010 edition of the Atlanta Braves. After a questionable trade of ace Javier Vasquez, the offseason has shaped up quite nicely and led into a hot start.

Speaking of hot starts, how about Jason Heyward? I must say I have never been this impressed with a rookie player right out of the gate. Just watching his composure at the plate and in the field, he looks like he has been in the league for years. His monster home run in his first at-bat was not a rarity, but rather the start of a career full of such moments.

With his first swing, Heyward grabbed every Braves fan by their shirt collars and pulled them out of their seats. He has already somehow managed to live up to sky-high expectations, and appears to have the talent to exceed them. It is extremely rare to watch a rookie player do so much for a lineup. Inserting Heyward at the seventh slot in the order and moving him up gradually protects him early and helps other Braves hitters see better pitches as opposing pitchers start to fear the damage he can do, and treat him as a great player, regardless of his youth and inexperience.

Surrounding Heyward in the lineup is an outstanding mix of power, average, speed and experience.

Chipper Jones is the veteran glue of this team, leading with his play and in the locker room. The youth of the Braves is not a bunch of rookies, but rather a group of game-hardened players who can each take over a game on any given day. Yunel Escobar and Martin Prado form one of the best all-around middle infields in baseball, and with the addition of Melky Cabrera to an outstanding outfield with Heyward and Nate McLouth, the Braves have an explosive lineup and solid defense.

With a pitching staff that features no true “ace” but a balanced starting five with a wide range of styles, the Braves will get consistent chances to win close games, especially with Billy Wagner’s cannon of a left arm closing out games.

Oh yeah, and then there’s the fact that this is Bobby Cox’s last season as manager, ending arguably the greatest run in baseball history.

Watch the Braves this season, for a lot of reasons. The sky’s the limit. Or should I say World Series.

# THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

#### Baseball:

April 10	1, 4 p.m.	UNC Pembroke
April 11	1 p.m.	UNC Pembroke

#### Tennis:

April 11	12 p.m.	SCAD
April 14	2:30 p.m.	Lander

### Quote of the Week

“How could we keep him off the team? He’s done everything for us this spring.”

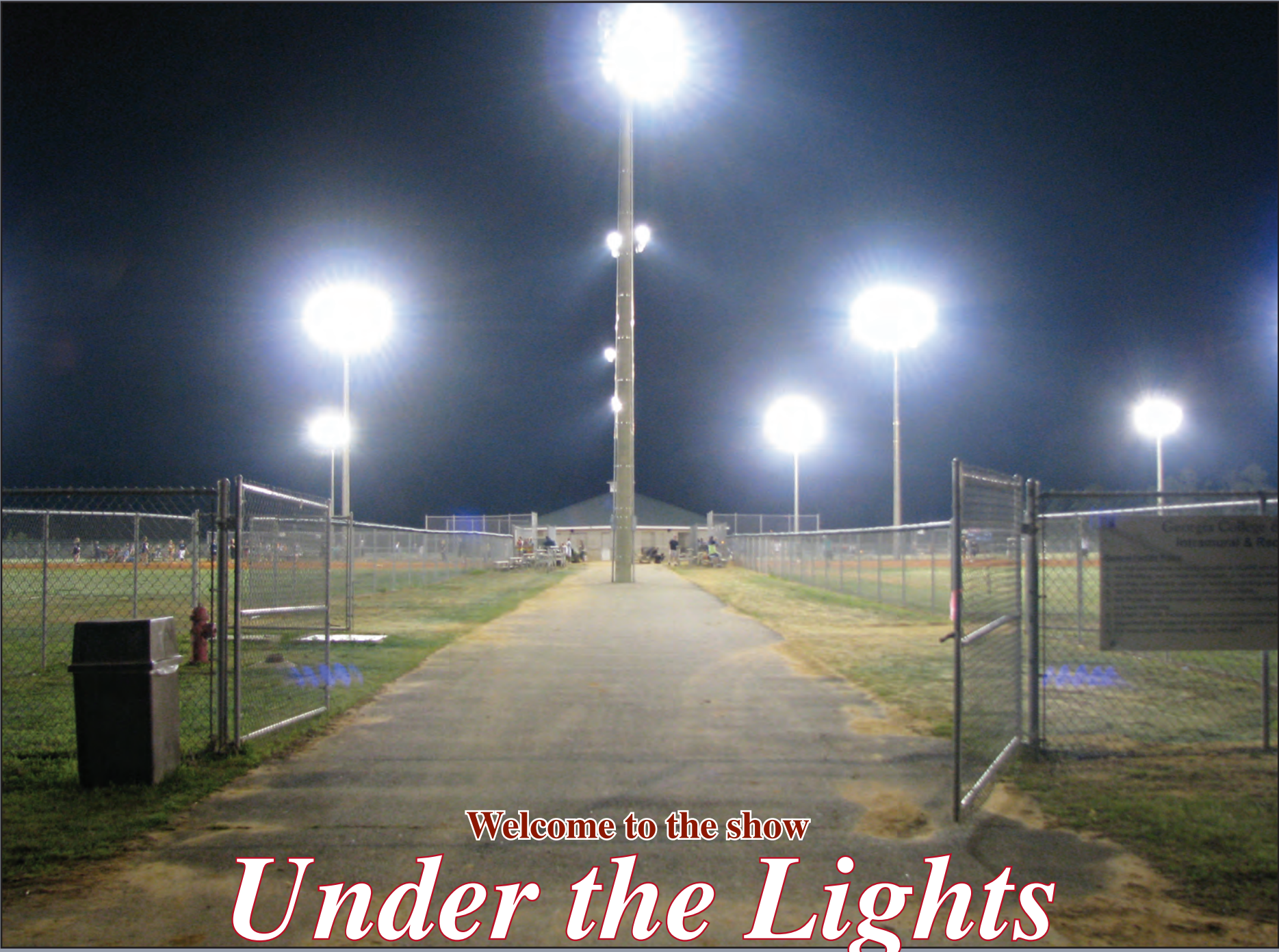
— Braves manager Bobby Cox, regarding rookie right fielder Jason Heyward, who homered and had 4 RBI in his debut as a Brave. (ESPN.com).

### Stat of the Week

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Major league pitches it took Jason Heyward to earn his first hit, RBIs, and home run, all on one swing.





Welcome to the show

# Under the Lights



Phi Mu sisters regularly support both of their girls’ division teams every week, frequently filling the air with their chants and yells.

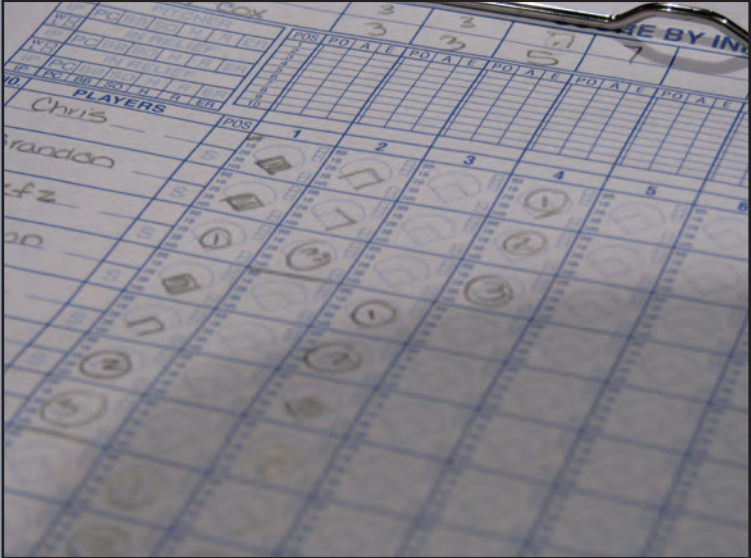
## Intramural softball: A look at the making of a night on the diamond

Photos and story by Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

Bright lights amidst a dark sky puncture the night upon entering the softball complex at West Campus, welcoming athletes and fans for another night of competition. Sororities shout, umpires holler “he’s outta there!” and a slightly tense atmosphere mixed with a festive tinge fills the air. Welcome to softball season, one of the most popular sports at Georgia College and State University. Over 850 students will step onto the three fields every week, and over 160 hours of games will be umpired, supervised, and ran smoothly by the Department of Intramurals. If it sounds daunting, it can be. “Field maintenance is a huge issue with us,” Director Bert Rosenberger said. “A good chunk of our budget is set aside for keeping our fields at a high standard, and then keeping each night running as smoothly as possible for our players is a priority as well.” For each game, two umpires are on the field, with a scorekeeper watching. Each field also has a supervisor, who knows the rules and can clarify any potential problems that arise.



Matthew Buckley, foreground, observes an umpire’s calls and makes suggestions on how to improve throughout the game.



Scorekeepers and supervisors must keep accurate statistics of each play using an official score sheet. In addition, they must keep track of any substitutions a team makes.



Department of Intramurals Coordinator Bert Rosenberger says he hopes to receive funds over summer to replace the outfield, which are dotted with weeds and muddy patches.



Above, staff members who run the table and check teams in for play sacrifice a good view for their jobs. Left, the Student Government Association spent over \$20,000 for construction of three new infields, which included new dirt for each field, repairs to the drainage system, and laser-grad-ing each field.



# Softball splits two series, awaits NGCSU

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU softball team rallied for a 13-8 victory in the first game of Wednesday’s doubleheader at Armstrong Atlantic, but its rally in the second game fell a little short in a 7-6 loss.

The Bobcats scored a season-high 13 runs to go along with 14 hits in their 13-8 win in the opener. The big blow came in the fourth, as eight runners crossed the plate to put the Bobcats ahead 8-6. Junior leftfielder Belourse Jean-Francois spanked two home runs in the inning to go along with four runs batted in.

After the Pirates tied the game in their half of the fourth, the Bobcats answered with five runs in the sixth and seventh to go ahead 13-8 and take the victory. Jean-Francois finished with three hits and four RBI. Sophomore Haley Burnett had a pair of hits, including the go-ahead RBI double in the sixth. Freshman third baseman Kelsea Martin and senior center fielder Allison Schwimer each had a pair of hits in the win. Sophomore Sabrina Chandler allowed just two runs on eight hits in five and one thirds innings to pick up the win in relief.

A late rally in the second game wasn’t enough for the Bobcats to overcome the Pirates, as they fell 7-6. Burnett homered to lead off the fourth to cut Armstrong’s lead down to 5-1. Burnett homered again leading off the sixth, sparking a four-run rally to tie the game. Sophomore catcher Anna Parker doubled, sophomore first baseman Jessica Solomon singled, and freshman Melanie Goolsby was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Junior right fielder Kati Pickowitz and Martin then followed with back to back RBI singles, scoring three runs and tying the game at 5-5.

The Pirates regained the lead in the bottom half of the inning with a pair of unearned runs. Senior shortstop Kayla Smith homered in the seventh to cut the lead to 7-6, but the Pirates were able to hang on for the victory. Burnett took the loss in relief after taking over for freshman Kristi Rodriguez in the third.

The Bobcats (13-30 overall, 5-13 PBC) picked up a split in a home doubleheader against Flagler on April 7. In the opener, a late rally by the Bobcats fell short in a 7-4 loss to the Saints. GCSU broke into a 4-0 deficit in the fifth when Parker doubled and scored on a single by Solomon to make it 4-1.

After Flagler extended its lead to 7-1 in the sixth, the Bobcats battled back for a couple more runs in the bottom half. Jean-Francois doubled with one out and scored on a double by Burnett. Smith later plated junior pinch runner Bailey Thompson to cut the lead to 7-3.

GCSU got within striking distance in the seventh, cutting the lead down to 7-4, when Pickowitz tripled and scored on Martin’s RBI



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Junior left fielder Belourse Jean-Francois smacks a pitch during Game 1 of a doubleheader against Flagler this past Saturday.

single. The Saints got out of the jam, however, and preserved the victory. Burnett took the loss for the Bobcats, going four innings while allowing four runs.

The Bobcats got back on the winning track in the second game, 5-2. An RBI groundout by Burnett in the first set the Bobcats out to an early 1-0 advantage. With the game tied at 1-1 in the fourth, GCSU took control with a three-run inning. Jean-Francois singled, and after stealing second, scored on Burnett’s RBI double. Smith provided the big blow with a two-run blast to stake the Bobcats out to a 4-1 lead. GCSU extended their lead to 5-2 in the sixth, when Solomon had another RBI single, plating Goolsby.

“We pitched better in the second game, and we hit pretty well all day,” head coach Ginger Chaffinch said after Saturday’s doubleheader. “We were actually able to put it all together in that second game and get a victory.”

With the Bobcats disappointing season drawing to a close, finishing strong is their top goal. “We’re working to put it all together and just get better,” Burnett said.

Burnett redeemed herself in the second game, pitching a complete game, scattering eight hits and allowing just the two runs while striking out three.

The Bobcats will close out their season Saturday when they host a doubleheader for senior day against undefeated and top-ranked North Georgia. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

# Athletic auction raises funds for student-athletes

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Dubbed “A Night With the Stars” featuring an old-time cinematic feel, the 12th annual Georgia College & State University Athletic Auction is scheduled to take place at the Centennial Center on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per couple or \$500 for a reserved table. Each ticket includes dinner, an open bar, an opportunity to bid on exciting items and a chance to win \$10,000 cash in a reverse raffle.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by stopping by the athletics office in the Centennial Center, contacting the athletics department at (478) 445-6341, or purchasing directly from any GCSU athletics staff member or auction committee member.

Wendell Staton, GCSU’s director of athletics, is ready to walk the red carpet for this year’s festivities.

“The Annual GCSU Athletics Auction and reverse raffle has become a staple in the community,” Staton said. “It is a great social event for the citizens of

central Georgia and provides a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship. We are so pleased that the community has supported this event for nearly two decades and I look forward to personally thanking them for their support on April 10.”

The auction has typically raised between \$35,000 and \$40,000 each year to be put toward both special projects and scholarships for student-athletes who excel on the playing field and working in the classroom.

With a wide array of items up for bid, Bobcat fans attending past auctions have taken home anything from vacation stays in Costa Rica, Hilton Head or Panama City, to getaways at the Ritz Carlton, a stack of coupons for free ice cream cakes or golf on Lake Oconee.

The GCSU Athletic Auction is a yearly event with a silent and traditional auction and reverse raffle open to students, faculty and community members.

All proceeds of the auction are donated to the athletic department to provide more scholarship opportunities to athletes.

## Baseball

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scored one run in the second inning and three in the third. Southwestern also scored a run in the third and the third inning ended with the Bobcats trailing 5-4. GCSU stepped up their game when, in the fourth inning, a two-run homer by Harrell and three more runs put the Bobcats ahead for the first time in the game with the score at 9-5.

Keeping up the momentum, GCSU scored four runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to give them a 15-5 edge. The Hurricanes attempted to

catch up in the eight inning by scoring three runs, but the Bobcats responded with four runs, including a three-run homer by Pitts to set the final score at 19-8, allowing GCSU to sweep Southwestern in the three-game series.

The Bobcats are at home this weekend as they face UNC Pembroke in a three-game series, beginning with a doubleheader on Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

“We’ve got to continue to pitch better and just keep getting better on the mound,” head coach Tom Carty said. “We’re slowly getting better and the results are starting to show but that’s something that we want to continue to do.”



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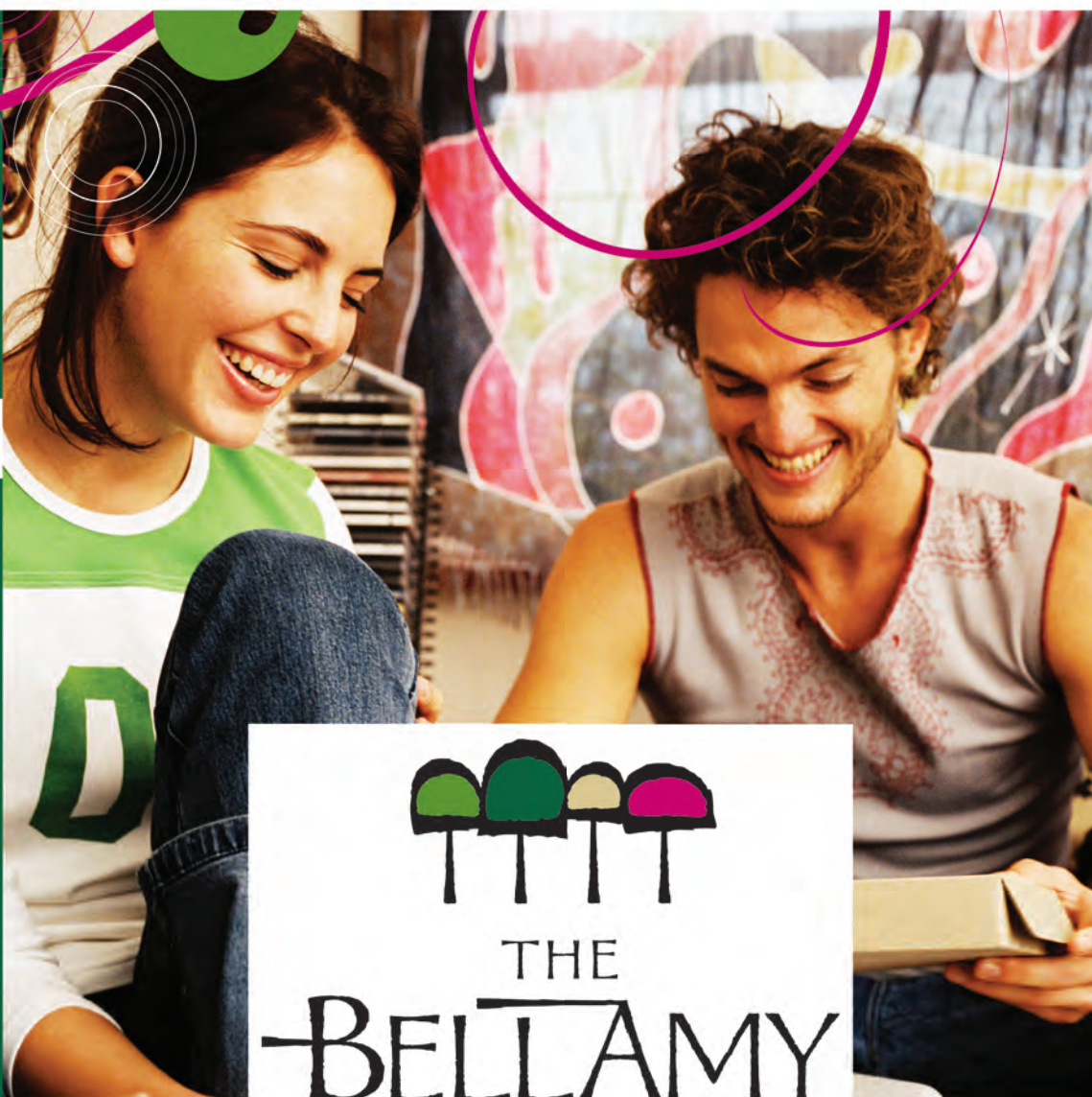
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